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## Dear Fellow Numismatists

As your new President of the Ontario Numismatic Association it gives me great pleasure to serve you for the next two years, in whatever needs you might have.

I have some new ideas that will be a benefit to you and your coin club. You will read about them in *The Numismatist* in the near future, when they are finalized with executive at our executive meetings.

I promise that the O.N.A. will take giant steps forward in the near future, that you will be proud that you belong to such an excellent organization. But we will need your help to make it succeed, to one of the best Numismatic Associations in Canada.

This year the Oshawa & District Coin Club hosted one of the best Conventions that was ever held in Ontario. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved. Let's keep it up in the future.

I plan to visit every Coin Club in Ontario once a year at least, that way I will have a closer contact with everyone.

I will close now, but I would like to thank the ones that have faith in me. I hope that I don't disappoint them.

Sincerely,

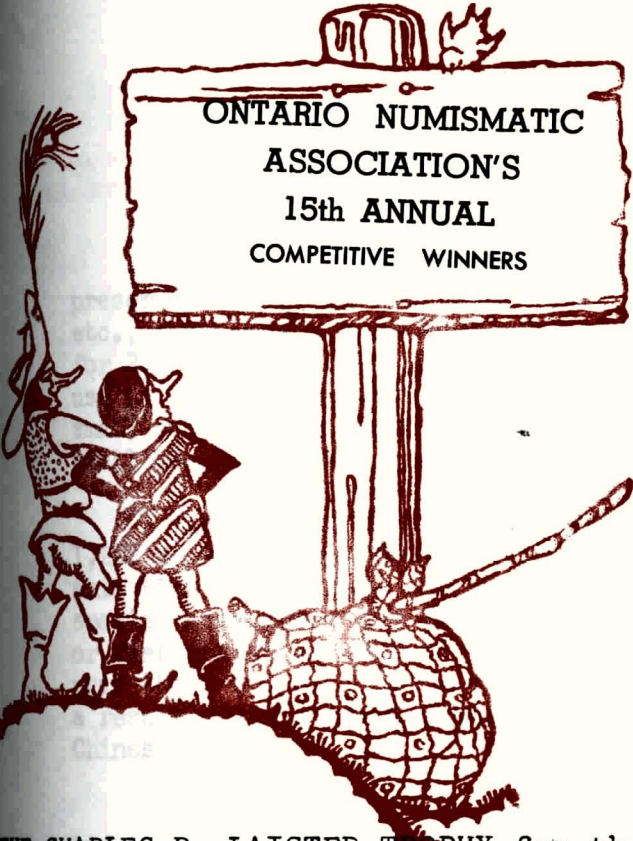
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EXHIBIT WINNERS



- JUNIOR - David Ruch of Whitby, Ontario -  
Winner of the Ray Pleau Trophy
- CANADIAN DECIMAL - 1st - Paul Johnson, winner  
of the Don McGregor Trophy  
2nd - Tom Kostaluk - London
- CANADIAN PAPER MONEY - Fred Jewett - Toronto
- TOKENS & MEDALS - 1st - Sheila Ruch, Whitby  
2nd - Arthur Luff - London  
3rd - Tom Kostaluk - London
- WORLD COINS - Gordon Culbert - Stayner  
2nd - Tom Kostaluk, London  
3rd - Alex Majer - Oshawa, Ont.
- WORLD PAPER MONEY - 1st - Norman Wells, Peter-  
boro  
2nd - Tom Kostaluk - London  
3rd - Alex Majer, Oshawa
- WOODEN MONEY - 1.- Norman Wells, Peterborough  
Winner of the Canadian  
Association of Wooden Money  
Collectors Trophy  
2.- Jack Dietrich, Markham, Ont.
- MISCELLANEOUS - 1st - Tom Kostaluk, London  
2nd - Stella Hodge, London  
3rd - Sheila Ruch, Whitby

THE CHARLES B. LAISTER TROPHY for the best club display was won by the Ingersoll Coin Club.

THE BEST OF SHOW TROPHY - THE DOUGLAS WARK TROPHY went to Gordon Culbert of Stayner.

O.N.A. Judges was headed by Bob Porter with the following team: Pat Lambert, Elmer Workman, Stan Clute, Norm Belston and Mel Fiske.

The Ontario Numismatic Association's coveted, AWARD OF MERIT, was presented to:

\_\_\_\_\_ DONALD THOMAS \_\_\_\_\_

former publisher of the Canadian Coin News.

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We have been informed that the wife of Howard Whitfield, winner of the 1975 Award of Merit is very sick in Hospital and the good wishes for a speedy recovery is conveyed to her through the Ontario Numismatic Association.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. GERTUDE SCOTT  
Immediate Past President  
SARNIA COIN CLUB  
MAY 22, 1977

CHINESE MONEY

By

WILLIAM WILLBOND

Recently a Han Dynasty tomb was opened and in it was a perfectly preserved body. In addition to his personal articles, baskets of food etc., there was a huge sack of copper coins which had lain unmolested for 2,100 years. The man (a minor official) took his money with him for use in the life hereafter. The Chinese have long used copper and bronze small coins, each Emperor putting his seal on those he minted. These small denomination coins served the common people well.

The Chinese first used cowrie shells as small coins in the year 1,122 BC when many chests of these were captured as war booty. Until this time the Chinese did not use cowrie shells as currency. Their seaside neighbours did however and when Ywe Nan (literally far South), or Viet Nam as we call it today, became part of the Chinese Empire they paid their annual tribute to the Chinese Emperor in Cowrie Shells. As a result of this cowries went into common use as small coins by the Chinese.

The Cowrie Shell symbol became part of the Chinese writing system and it's sign makes up part of many characters particularly words of a financial nature ie; (coin, sell, wealth, treasure, etc.)

Paper bank notes were first introduced by a Chinese civil servant named Wang An-Shih (of Sung Dynasty fame) in the mid 11th century. From 1069 AD down to the present day paper currency has remained in constant use.

Since 1951 the official coinage of the People's Republic of China has been "Ren Min Bee" or literally "People's Currency", and since the revaluation of 1955 the basic monetary unit has been the "Yuan". This unit (the Yuan) was first introduced in 1948 by Chiang Kai-Shek's Nationalists (the Gwo Min Dang).

The Ren Min Biao (People's Bank Dollar) or Yuan is divided into 10 Jiao and each Jiao is further divided into 10 Fen (cents). Notes to the value of one, two, five, ten, twenty and fifty fen are issued as paper currency, although since 1957 coins of one, two and five fen value are also being used. The text on banknotes is printed in Chinese, Uigar, Tibetan and Mongolian.

Ever since 1951, the circulation of Ren Min Biao has been strictly limited to the People's Republic of China. The foreign exchange market is limited to the People's Bank of China, which will exchange foreign currencies into yuan for legitimate possessors of currency both foreign and Chinese. I am quite lucky as a friend of mine and his wife (who lived in Peking) and knowing that I am a collector, sent me some coins and bills as a Christmas present.

Today the official exchange rate is \$.55 Canadian equals one Ren Min Yuan.

(Mr. Willbond is Vice-President of the Victoria  
B.C. Numismatic Society)



ATTENTION: ALL NUMISMATIC EXHIBITORS

The recent C.Y.N. Exhibit and Judging Seminar held during TOREX in Toronto was a great success and many ideas were discussed. A suggestion of an organized exhibit committee within the Ontario Numismatic Association deserves much thought.

W H Y

- to encourage and promote the furtherance of exhibiting in Ontario
- to provide guidelines for the future of exhibiting
- to increase the quality and quantity of displays at coin shows in Ontario
- establish a fair system of exhibiting that can be used all across Ontario at shows and conventions
- to work closely with the local coin clubs
- to recognize the successful and enthusiastic exhibitors in Ontario

HOW IT CAN WORK

1. One must be a member of the Ontario Numismatic Association
2. Establish a point system through "sanctioned" shows each year
3. For exhibiting at each Ontario coin show, the following points would be awarded overall.

BEST OF SHOW	-	10
First	-	5
Second	-	3
Third	-	2
Participation	-	1
4. Additional points could be given for exhibiting at the O.N.A. Convention.
5. For the member finishing first overall, he would receive recognition and an award.
6. 2nd through 10th would also be recognized
7. The committee would set the rules for the program
8. A statistics co-ordinator would be appointed to compile award points on the standard basis as set up and would be accumulated throughout the year.
9. Each member would receive an appropriate certificate after he has exhibited in three shows that year.

SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDELINES

1. Set aside a portion of funds to assist in awarding annual prizes - Raffle? Donation Auction?
2. One issue of the monthly bulletin could be entirely devoted to exhibiting
3. List entire number of "sanctioned" shows in January issue
4. Members must follow exhibit rules set up by each Coin Show Exhibit Committee.
5. If an exhibitor enters two separate exhibits, the one scoring highest may be eligible to acquire points
6. One may not enter the same display in more than four shows within 100 mile radius.
7. Arrange an exhibit seminar/workshop at the yearly convention
8. One may not enter the identical display at the same show more than once eg. enter at O.N.A. Convention this year, however, not next year.

9. This system would absolutely not affect any individual Coin Show pertaining to the number of exhibits or who exhibited
10. Naturally, O.N.A. members and non members are free to enter the same competition.
11. This committee would be within the O.N.A. and compile information from regular numismatic events in Ontario - it would work for the benefit of exhibiting in Ontario; this will hopefully cause an increase in the quality and quantity of numismatic exhibits at Coin Shows
12. All of these comments can be changed to suit the needs of the committee and exhibitors.

OBJECTIVES

1. To increase the quality and quantity of numismatic exhibits.
2. To provide a continued competition among exhibitors throughout the year.
3. To educate the collector on all phases of preparing a display.
4. To put more fun into exhibiting at various shows.

These are only suggestions, however this is a definite need to promote numismatic exhibiting here in Ontario. Your support is needed to make the idea work. This will then be presented to the O.N.A. executive for their comments. If it does work, the system could be implimented on a Canada-wide scale in due time.

Your written comments will be appreciated.

As of May 18, the following people support the need for such a program.

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Paul Johnson, Toronto    | John Regitko, Toronto                 |
| Gord Culbert, Stayner    | Bruce Watt, Oshawa (O.N.A. President) |
| Tom Kostaluk, London     | Don Cole, Whitby                      |
| Ray Gregory, Newmarket   | Bill Ballentine, Toronto              |
| Carol Gregory, Newmarket | Tom Beckett, Toronto                  |
| Stan Clute, Willowdale   | Ted Banning, Grafton                  |
| Norm Belsten, Toronto    | Colin Caldwell, Peterborough          |
| Grant Monck, London      | Jim Charlton, Toronto                 |
| Norm Wells, Peterborough | William McDonald, Willowdale          |
| Shiele Ruch, Whitby      | Bill Ferguson, Thornhill              |
| Dave Ruch, Whitby        |                                       |

WHERE WE ARE GOING AND HOW WE ARE GOING TO GET THERE: Judging from the many shows there are and the dedication shown by the many collectors who follow these shows year in and year out, the hobby of numismatics is indeed alive and healthy. There is one thing that irks me, is the number of known collectors that do not frequent any shows, belong to any clubs, or takes any interest in any Associations. If we can get these faceless and nameless individuals coming out to these events, then we will achieve a major victory. Draw prizes should contain membership applications, a yearly participation award could be free banquet tickets to a major show. Other draw prizes could be subscriptions to Numismatic literature. Can we get started and see the results next year? Submitted by your Editor.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1976 TO DECEMBER 31, 1976

GENERAL ACCOUNT

PETTY CASH @ JANUARY 1, 1976.....	\$ 20.13	
BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1976.....	1074.99	\$1095.12

RECEIPTS

MEMBERSHIPS (REGULAR, JUNIOR & CLUB).....	\$1712.00	
MEDALS & RETAIL SALES TAX.....	330.95	
LAPEL PINS.....	72.50	
PART SHARE OF NET PROFIT (NYCC).....	1700.00	
BANK INTEREST.....	82.33	
1974 AUDIO VISUAL RECEIPTS.....	13.51	
PREMIUM USA MONEY.....	.55	
DONATION.....	2.00	\$3913.84

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ONA PUBLICATION "ONTARIO NUMISMATIST".....	\$1042.31	
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PRINTING.....	324.87	
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RETAIL SALES TAX.....	10.41	
C.N.A. & A.N.A. DUES.....	30.63	
OFFICE SUPPLIES.....	19.63	
TELEPHONE.....	17.14	
RENT.....	176.90	
ENGRAVING.....	13.05	
TYPEWRITER.....	85.07	
ARCHIVES.....	5.15	
A.N.A. DELEGATE.....	17.50	
RECORDER, MICROPHONE & TAPES.....	88.38	
USA BANK EXCHANGE.....	1.84	
TRANSFER TO CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT.....	1200.00	\$3408.01

EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES.....		\$ 505.83
PETTY CASH @ DECEMBER 31, 1976.....	\$ 32.87	
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1976.....	\$1568.08	\$1600.95

BANK RECONCILIATION

BANK PASS BOOK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1976.....	\$1613.08
OUTSTANDING CHEQUE.....	45.00
STATEMENT BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1976.....	\$1568.08

## ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

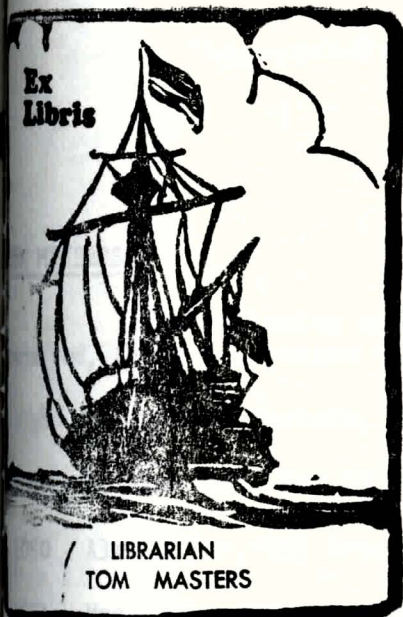
TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1976 TO DECEMBER 31, 1976CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1976..... \$2855.96

RECEIPTSINTEREST GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE. \$ 170.00  
BANK INTEREST..... 263.20  
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL ACCOUNT..... \$1200.00 \$1633.20EXPENSESGUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATE..... \$2000.00  
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER RECEIPTS..... \$-366.80  
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1976..... \$2489.16LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT

BANK BALANCE @ JANUARY 1, 1976..... \$ 105.42

RECEIPTSLIFE MEMBERSHIPS..... \$ 550.00  
INTEREST GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES 158.88  
BANK INTEREST..... 19.12 \$ 728.00EXPENSESGUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES..... \$ 600.00  
MEMBERSHIP DUES (1976)..... 180.00 \$ 780.00  
EXCESS EXPENSES OVER RECEIPTS..... \$- 52.00  
BANK BALANCE @ DECEMBER 31, 1976..... \$ 53.42CASH ASSET SUMMARY @ DECEMBER 31, 1976CASH & BANK BALANCE - GENERAL ACCOUNT..... \$1600.95  
BANK BALANCE - CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT..... 2489.16  
GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES - CONTINGENCY ACCT 4000.00  
BANK BALANCE - LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT..... 53.42  
GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES -  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT..... 2200.00 \$10343.53  
TOTAL ASSETS 1975..... \$ 7656.50  
INCREASE IN CASH ASSETS..... \$ 2687.03THE BANK ACCOUNTS ARE MAINTAINED AT THE  
CANADA TRUST  
BELMONT BRANCH, KITCHENER, ONTARIO.TREASURER Bruce A. Roszmann



From the Librarian's Desk- - -

Most of us find that the satisfaction we get from our hobby increases greatly as our knowledge grows and nowhere is this as true as it is in numismatics. The more we know of the history behind our coins, of their origins, of their uses, and the way they were made, the more rewarding is our collecting. There has never been more emphasis placed on the value of a numismatic library than there is today.

It is the hope of the O.N.A. that we can update and improve our library, so that it will fill the need of most of our members. Several people came to me and pledged new books and material at our convention in Oshawa. It was gratifying to know that many people have an interest in our library.

I would like to review the 1977 edition, "Standard Catalogue of World Coins" by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler.

This book features in its' 1600 pages, 687 coin issuing cities, States, Provinces and Countries, and list all coins from the year 1800 through to 1976. There are over 65,000 coins listed by date with a complete mintage statistics and values. No matter what coins you collect you can spend an enjoyable time just thumbing through this book. Members may now order this book from the library. I expect a big demand so get your order

in early. Some delay may be encountered. The following books are to be added to your library list - - -

1977 Edition (Fourth Edition) Standard Catalogue of World Coins by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler.

1977 Edition (Second Edition) Coin World Almanac - by Coin World

Canadian Tokens and Medals by A. D. Hoch

Watch for future editions of the Ontario Numismatist for further additions to our library. Sixteen books have been promised by one gentleman in Sarnia. As you can see an effort has been put forth to make the library more appealing to everyone.

Once again I would urge all who want to borrow books to order from myself at the following address:

THOMAS MASTERS - 823 Van Street, London, Ontario, N5Z 1M8

Our sincere thanks to - - - -

PAT LAMBERT for his donation of the book entitled - Canadian Tokens and Medals by A. D. Hoch

RUSSELL RULAU and KRAUSE PUBLISHING for their donation of the 1977 edition of The Standard Catalogue of World Coins by Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler.

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One of the slide series in our audio-visual service is that of "Photographing Coins".

This slide series will benefit those collectors whose secondary hobby is photography and what better way to put your hobby to use than to make a slide series of your own coins. There are probably many collectors out there who have a nice collection of coins and whose hobby is photography just waiting to be asked. Here is your opportunity! Who knows, maybe this fall several clubs will be waiting in line for your slide series.

**AUDIO VISUAL**

by

*Charles Laister*

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW MEMBERS:

The following applications have been received and if no written objections are received, their acceptance will be acknowledged in the July issue of the Ontario Numismatist.

- 1048 Dr. Norman Epstein, 215 St. Clair Ave., West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V IR3  
1049 Ed Sinclair, Box 17, Sebringville, Ontario, NOK IXO  
1050 Alex Majer, 355 Bruce Street, Oshawa, Ontario.  
1051 Mrs. Helen Majer, 355 Bruce Street, Oshawa, Ontario.  
1052 Helen Majer, 355 Bruce Street, Oshawa, Ontario.  
1053 Garry Braunwarth, Box 17, Site 9, RR#5 Calgary, Alta. T2P 2G6  
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1055 Edwin D. Keetch, 77 Bond Street West, Oshawa, Ontario, LIG IA6  
1056 Lyle Bagley, 228 Laclie Street, Orillia, Ontario, L3V 4N6  
1057 John Q. Duffy, 1187 Hurontario Street, Port Credit, Ontario, L5G 3H2  
1058 Harry Schoon, c/o P.O. Box 33, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 3Z6  
060 Tillsonburg Numismatic Association, c/o Doug Kelly, 54 Victoria Street,  
Tillsonburg, Ontario, N4G 3Z7  
081 Lakeshore Coin Club, P.O. Box 1137, Pointe Clair, Quebec, H9S 4H9

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## SPEAKER'S CIRCUIT

BY

W.E.PAT LAMBERT

The SPEAKER'S CIRCUIT was designed specifically to give prominence to those men and women who, of their own free time, give talks to numismatic groups. Some of these speakers travel many miles in a year to enlighten the collector on some aspect of the hobby.

In order for the SPEAKER'S CIRCUIT to function properly and to know who is available to talk and to maintain records of those that have given talks, it is recommended that Club Secretaries send to Pat the name of the speaker, the club that hosted the speaker and the title of the talk. If you are available to talk and the distance you are willing to travel should also be known to Pat. Only in this way can the O.N.A. give recognition to those persons that give of their time and energy to bring to you, the collector, information vital to our hobby. Could we have your assistance.

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THE HUMOUROUS SIDE: A motorist after being ticketed for failing to signal a left turn, explained to the police that it was all because of the provincial elections: "I was afraid that if I put my hand out the window some candidate would run over and shake it."

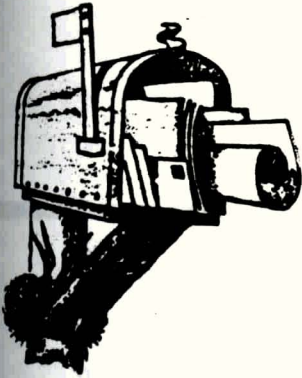
Proposed Coin Shows:

The following are the Annual Coin Shows proposed for the next few months, that we have received notices for, or taken from Club Bulletins. We advise you to check this list as you debate the date of your club's show, to ensure that your date does not conflict with another show.

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AUGUST 3, 1977 - CANADIAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN VANCOUVER, B.C.

Will be held at the Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B.C.



- June 18      Victoria - Simcoe Numismatic Association's Annual Coin Show and Banquet - Woodville, Ontario. 12:00 noon to 6:00p.m.
- August 23-28      American Numismatic Association will hold their Convention in Atlanta, Georgia.
- September 10      Huronia Numismatic Association's Annual Show at the Bayfield Mall, Bayfield St., Barrie, Ontario. NOTE CHANGE IN DATE. Last issue should have read the 10th instead of the 17th. Please correct your calendars.
- September 18      Brantford Numismatic Association will be holding their show in the Brantford & District Civic Centre.
- September 25      London Numismatic Society will have their show at the Lamp - lighter Inn, London, Ontario.
- October      2      The Sarnia Numismatic Society will host its 16th Annual SARNIA BLUEWATER INTERNATIONAL COIN SHOW, at the Canterbury Inn, London Road west of Modeland Road at the Eastern limits of the City of Sarnia, from 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Enquiries: D. W. Park, 308 Savoy St., Sarnia, Ontario.
- October      15      Richmond Hill Coin Club's Annual Show at the beautiful and colourful Hillcrest Mall, Yonge St., and Carrville Road, Richmond Hill. Further information: Richmond Hill Coin Club, P.O. Box 386, Richmond Hill L4C 4Y6
- October      22      St. Catherines Annual Coin Show and Banquet will be holding their 18th consecutive show.
- October      30      Stratford combined Stamp and Coin Show will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion at Church St., and St. Patrick St. Enquiries to P.O. Box 262, Stratford, Ontario.

NOTE: Further information on these and other shows will be published in greater detail in forthcoming issues of the Numismatist. Ed)

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As space is short I will confine my thoughts to you, the collector, member, dealer, publishers and others interested in the Ontario Numismatic Association. Have a nice numismatic summer, go over those want lists, plan now to attend some or all the fall shows and try to send your editor a note on ANYTHING. This is your forum. USE IT!

